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"In the cited reference which is a game software for Super Famicom, an effect is realized in which footprints are displayed upon [a character] walking on the snow, and they disappear with the progress of time."

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